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**AMENDMENT AFTER FIRST ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated January 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows. In addition, please provide any additional extensions of time, which may be required and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 502772, Promex Technologies, LLC, but not to include payment of issue fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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